

Public Notice

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: CEMVS-OD-F 1222 Spruce Street

St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2651

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November 20, 2007

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Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act permit to construct a pile supported concrete dock at the existing Consolidated Grain and Barge facility at approximate Illinois River mile 64.4, as described below and shown on the attached drawings.

<u>COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice Number and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Charles Frerker) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

<u>APPLICANT:</u> Mr. Kent Hall, Consolidated Grain and Barge Company, Post Office Box 290, Bluffs, Illinois 62621 (217-754-3331).

LOCATION: The proposed project is located at the Consolidated Grain and Barge Company's facility in Naples, Illinois. The site is near Main and Carroll Streets, along the left descending bank of the Illinois River, at approximate Illinois River mile 64.4, in Scott County, Illinois. (See Attached Map and Drawings).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests authorization under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to construct a pile supported concrete dock that will replace an existing floating dock. The proposed T-shaped concrete dock would be constructed in the same location of the existing floating dock, but will extend slightly further into the river. The riverward most portion of the T-dock would be approximately 120-feet-wide. Pile structures would be driven into the river's substrate to support the concrete T-dock. Four steel pile dolphins are also proposed with two dolphins located upstream of the proposed T-dock and two downstream. The existing floating fertilizer barge load out dock would be replaced with the fixed T-dock to unload dry bulk materials. Two new conveyors and truss systems would be installed on the proposed T-dock to support offloading operations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant's consultant, Mr. Greg Novotny with Manley Brothers LLC at 636-225-9106, or Mr. Charles Frerker, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at electronic mail address: charles.f.frerker@mvs02.usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

Issuance of this joint public notice also solicits comments from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources for state approval of the proposed work in accordance with "an Act in relation to the regulation of the rivers, lakes and streams of the State of Illinois" (III. Rev. Stat.; Chap. 19, par 52 et seq.). Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Illinois should be addressed to Mr. Mike Diedrichsen, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield, Illinois, 62702-1271, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), and the Gray bat (**Myotis gricescens**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this proposed activity is not likely to affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES:</u> The St. Louis District will evaluate any information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice. In addition, issuance of this proposed action would prompt renewal of previously established requirements to avoid and protect a known cultural resource site in vicinity of the project area. Additional reconnaissance surveys of the project area may be required if warranted.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Danny D. McClendon Chief, Regulatory Branch

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.





